GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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INVESTMENT FOR STRENGTHENING ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE
Mahtab Shri Bhartruhari

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is investing heavily in strengthening of road infrastructure in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government is aware that Panikoili-Keonjhar-Rajamunda National Highway-215 of Orissa is in a precarious condition; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to improve the road?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) State-wise details of funds allocated for National Highway works being executed by State Public Works Departments are given in Annexure. Allocation for National Highway works executed through National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and Border Roads Organization (BRO) are made Project-wise and not State-wise. Allocations made to NHAI and BRO for National Highway works during 2005-2006 are as under :-

	Amount (Rs. in crores)
(i) NHAI	16,169.74
(ii) BRO	377.00

(c) & (d) About 135 km of National Highway–215 was severely damaged during current monsoon. Various improvement works in a length of about 119 km of this highway have been sanctioned. The estimate for works on another 7 km of this National Highway is included in the Annual Plan Programme of 2005-2006. In addition four laning and strengthening of 249 km of National Highway-215 has been approved under NHDP-III.